2. Introduction of reliable electronic Push Button type telephone instruments.

3. Introduction of reliable and efficient media by way of Optical fibre, PCM, Microwave, UHF/VHF systems.

4. Introduction of MARR (Multi Access Radio Relay) systems to provide telephones in rural areas.

5. Introduction of packet switched data network.

6. Introduction of Value added services by Private Parties i.e. services like Electronic Mail, Radio Paging, Cellullar mobile service, Videotex, Video Conferencing, Voice Mail, Audiotex etc.

7. Introduction of Remote Area Business Network through Satellits communications.

8. Connecting far flung areas to the Telecom network using satellite.

Expansion of Communication Network in Punjab

885. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to expand its communication network especially in border areas of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 77000 net switching cappacity lines are planned to be added during 93-94 in Punjab and about 51000 new connections are proposed to be given. Of these the following plans are there for the border area districts.

Sl. No	District	Net Switching capacity planned during 1993-94	New connections planned during 1993-94
		lines	lines
1.	Amritsar	6900	4000
2.	Gurdaspur	1500	1200
3.	Firozepur	6000	3100

Telephone Racket in MTNL

886. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Officers of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi were involved in a major telephone racket;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the owners of a Private Telephone Booth managed to get four telephone lines with STD and ISD feilities without these being metered from Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchange under MTNL, New Delhi; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that such cases were reported earlier also and if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Five officials of MTNL have been suspended. The exact number of persons involved in the racket will be known after CBI completes the investigation.

(b) Owners of a few telephones were running a racket of providing STD/ISD calls from their Ashok Vihar premises in connivance with MTNL employees. Two non-metered lines of

Trunk Automatic Exchange were diverted and directly connected on two telephone lines working from these premises.

(c) Yes, Sir. A few cases of tampering with meters and diversion of telephone lines were reported earlier. Departmental action against officials involved is under process in some cases while other cases have been made over to CBI for further investigation.

Upgradation of sub-post and telegraph office

887. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from a Member of Parliament requesting for the upgradation of the present sub-post and telegraph office at Sapekhati, Sibsagar, Assam;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question doesn't arise.

Creation of sub-post office and telegraph office

888. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation on 11th June, 1993 pleading for the creation of a sub-post office and telegraph office at Longpatia, Sibsagar district in Assam; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Office & Telegraph Office; Yes Sir.

Post Office:

(b) Post Office The Extra Departmental Branch Post Office Longpatia will be upgraded into Departmental Sub Office subject to fulfilment of departmental norms, availability of resources within the target fixed by the Depattment.

Telegraph Office: Telegraph facilities will be provided subject to availability of resources and wihin the targets fixed.

Recalling of calls made on telephones under electronic exchanges

889. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABMAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the electronic telephone exchange system, all phone calls made can be recalled for certain period of time;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that respective telecom districts can supply information on all STD phone calls made for a period of 3 years in electronic exchanges;

(c) whether there is any change for furnishing such computerised information to subscribers and;

(d) if so, what are the feats thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. However, in E10B type of electronic exchanges the facility to provide computerised information on all STD phone calls exist.

(b) No. Sir The tapes containing the information are preserved only for one year.